

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 104 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "State Manual", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

104. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State [to publish from time to time a manual of the State of Maryland] *to issue every two years a manual of the State of Maryland, said Manual to be compiled, edited and printed by the Hall of Records Commission.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.*

Approved April 8, 1959.

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.

As part of our continuing effort to relieve the recordkeeping problems of the Clerks of Court, we sponsored two bills which were passed at the same session of the General Assembly. One of these acts provides for the disposal of certain records of Justices of the Peace which now occupy a significant amount of the vault space of all the Clerks of Court. The other authorizes the orderly destruction of records of conditional contracts of sale which have legal value for only a limited period of time. Both Acts are here reproduced:

CHAPTER 45 (House Bill 17)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 31 and 114 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace," sub-titles "Docket" and "Trial Magistrates System," relating to the retention and ~~destruction~~ DISPOSAL of the dockets and other papers of justices of the peace, and justices of the peace designated as trial magistrates in this State and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 31 and 114 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-titles "Docket" and "Trial Magistrates System," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*